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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 11/14/49

WEATHER The week was unseasonably warm, with bright sunny days except Friday and Saturday, when there was considerable cloudiness, with light to moderate rain over a wide belt extending from the southwestern to north central portions of the State. Strong winds blew on Sunday, which raised considerable dust.

CROPS Corn picking is well along and nearing completion in most areas. Dry conditions have interfered with the operation of mechanical pickers. More than the usual percentage of ears have dropped on the ground. Most of these ears will be saved either by gleaning or by pasturing the cornfields. Estimates of the percentage husked by districts are as follows: Northwest, 49%; North Central, 48%; Northeast, 85%; Central, 57%; East Central, 82%; Southwest, 48%; South Central, 63%; Southeast, 63%; State, 69%.

Present information supports the November 1 official estimate of 33 bushels of corn per acre which is 2 bushels below the October 1 estimate and 3 bushels below the average last year. The November 1 estimate of production is 243,012,000 bushels as compared with 252,468,000 bushels last year and 180,507,000 bushels, the 1938-1947 average.

Wheat has made good growth throughout the State but needs moisture as the top soil is dry. Rain last Friday, mostly in the Southwest, helped wheat materially. Some yellowing of leaves is reported due to dry weather. There are a few reports of orange leaf rust from southwestern Nebraska. Some Hessian fly infestation is reported. Wheat has made sufficient growth, generally, to cover the ground.

Harvest of crops is now practically all completed except corn and some grain sorghum. Nearly all grain sorghum matured, and the yields are unusually good. Combining of sorghum continues, and some counties have practically finished the job. The dry weather of the past three weeks has reduced the moisture content of grain sorghum sufficiently for storage.

Harvest of beans, potatoes and sugar beets has been completed. Potatoes are moving slowly because of low price, with highest offers of field run potatoes at \$1.25 per hundred pounds. Yields of sugar beets and sugar content were high. Seed crops have been threshed, Knox county reporting some alfalfa fields ranging from 4 to 6 bushels per acre. Farm labor supply is reported plentiful with little demand except in a few southern counties.

LIVESTOCK Range is plentiful for cattle but rather dry and needs a little moisture to soften it. Pasture is still good but needs rain. Rain would improve the wheat pasture. Some counties are placing an additional number of cattle on grain feed. Other cattle are still on pastures and may be placed in feed lots later if future demand and market justify.

Weather Bureau Telegraphic Report of Precipitation for Week Ending November 14, 1949

Eastern Division

Grand Island 0
Lincoln 0
Norfolk 0
Omaha 0
Sioux City 0

Central Division

Burwell .38
North Platte .76
Valentine .13

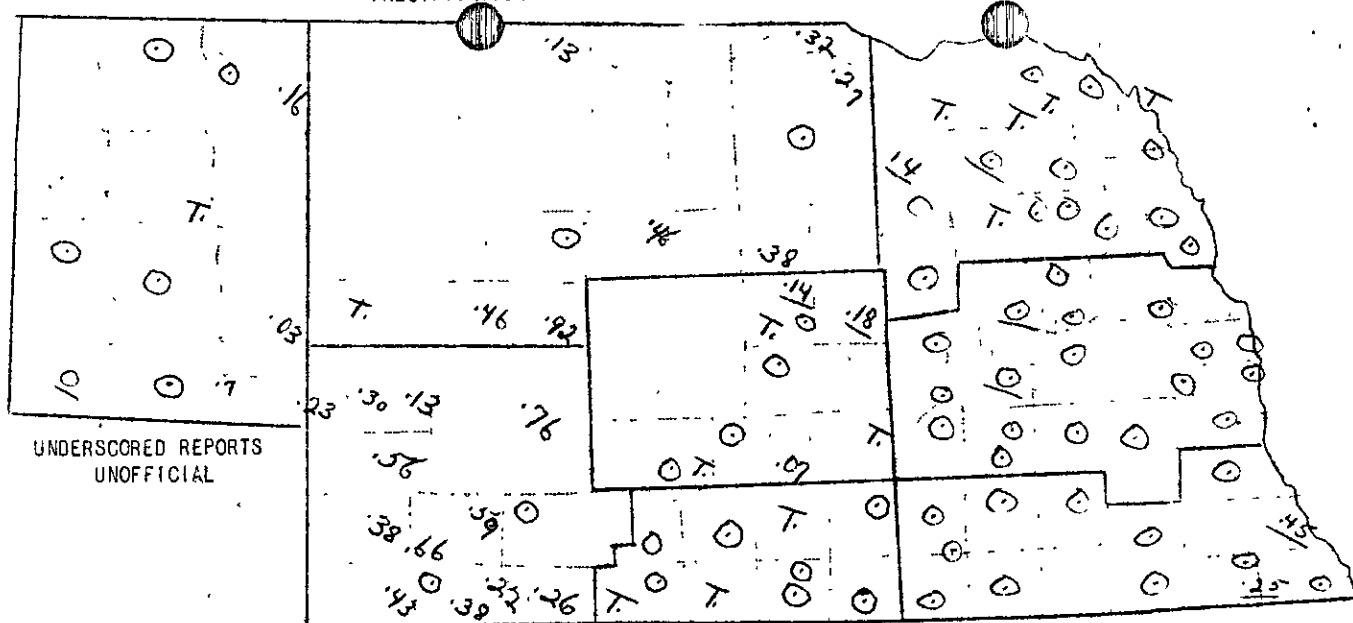
Western Division

Chadron 0
Hayes Center .59
Scottsbluff 0
Sidney 0

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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 1949



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 6:30 A.M.)

		NOVEMBER		8TH		9TH		10TH		11TH		12TH		13TH		14TH	
		MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN
NW	CHADRON	71	25	67	—	66	29	68	40	—	25	59	34	57	35		
	SCOTTSBLUFF	71	32	68	31	66	25	67	29	49	19	61	32	62	34		
	SIDNEY	69	19	68	31	64	21	64	39	51	21	59	35	64	25		
N-C	BURWELL	75	26	67	33	75	23	73	39	54	25	55	34	61	35		
	VALENTINE	70	28	65	44	69	43	63	43	50	29	57	34	56	35		
NE	NORFOLK	76	31	63	35	72	40	75	37	63	43	54	34	61	34		
	SIOUX CITY	74	30	64	40	68	42	73	41	67	45	53	33	60	34		
CEN.	GRAND ISLAND	76	32	67	32	73	37	71	39	64	40	56	35	65	39		
E-C	LINCOLN	74	38	71	50	67	42	67	40	70	47	54	39	66	41		
	OMAHA	75	36	69	50	68	44	72	41	70	48	52	35	65	40		
SW	HAYES CENTER	71	31	66	38	71	36	65	41	52	33	57	34	62	35		
	NORTH PLATTE	73	27	63	33	71	31	68	42	53	33	59	30	62	34		

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